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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 29, 2000. Please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

3. (Four Times Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a  
user's nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

a flexible truss member having an initial state absent flexure thereof, the truss  
member including:

a first end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively  
engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;

a second end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to  
adhesively engage the outer wall tissues of a second nasal passage;

an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of the user's nose  
located between the first and second nasal passages; and